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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

FIRST CALENDAR DAY
FIRST SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, January 9, 2012

Pursuant to chapter two (2), sections two point one (2.1) and two point three (2.3), Code of Iowa, the 2012 Regular Session of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly convened at 10:04 a.m. The Senate was called to order by President Kibbie.

Prayer was offered by Father Clem Currans of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa. He was the guest of Senator Kibbie.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Senator Gene Fraise.

SPECIAL GUESTS

President Kibbie introduced to the Senate chamber Congressman Loeb sack.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

President Kibbie introduced to the Senate chamber Congressman Braley.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

President Kibbie introduced to the Senate chamber former Senators John Judge and Patrick J. Deluhery.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

President Kibbie addressed the Senate with the following remarks:

Good morning and welcome to the beginning of the 2012 session. I have no doubt that we will be able to accomplish our work in a timely manner and adjourn with results that will benefit our fellow citizens.

I believe we should focus this session on building upon the initiatives we have already begun and addressing the needed investments that will ensure we have a workforce ready to fill the jobs our economy requires. If we do nothing else this session, we must continue to expand our production and use of renewable fuels; begin to repair our neglected infrastructure needs; make a substantial investment in training a skilled workforce; find a compromise that begins the reform of our commercial property tax system; and complete the redesign of our Mental Health System.

We can accomplish all these desired goals because previous legislatures have been good stewards of the state's financial resources. Almost any other state would be happy to trade places with Iowa because we have a healthy bottom line and our savings accounts are full. Our unemployment is going down and the cornerstone of our economy, agriculture, has never been in a stronger position.

The first area I mentioned for work this year was renewable fuels. We have built 41 ethanol plants and 14 biodiesel plants in the last 10 years under three administrations without barriers from our regulators. The economic benefit to Iowa from these efforts is \$14 billion dollars annually. This does not include a very successful wind energy effort which is growing every day. These initiatives related to renewable energy have produced 100,000 good paying jobs and there is ample room for expansion and growth.

The second area of focus is to begin to repair the state's infrastructure. According to a report from the American Society of Civil Engineers, we have 27% of our bridges either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; 41% of our major roads are in poor or mediocre condition; 38% of our major urban highways are congested; traffic on our highways has increase 57% over a 15 year period; and, we face a \$27 billion transportation funding shortage in the next two decades. No one disputes the extent of this problem and it is time for us to step up and have the courage to increase the gas tax so that we have dedicated funding to begin to address the backlog. I believe there is bipartisan support for this and close to a fifth of the money received will be from non-Iowans who use our roads. We are 34th in fuel tax rates and each penny generates \$22 million. These funds will help generate badly need jobs in the construction industry and we cannot afford to delay or study any longer.

The third area of focus, and I believe the most important, is to begin to address our skilled workforce shortage. In the farm crisis of the 1980's, Iowa lost population because there were no jobs for the unemployed. In this recession and recovery, we face a time where there are jobs, but where there are not workers with the skills to fill them. I believe we need to make a substantial investment in job training and retraining and the best way to do that is through our community college system. The Community Colleges serve 14% of our total population and 23% of our working population and while enrollment has increased by 71% over the last ten years, per pupil funding has decreased by 41%. State General Fund aid has fallen dramatically to only 28% of Community College revenue while student tuition and fees have almost doubled in the last decade. Our tuition rate is now the 8th highest in the country and the local tax contribution to the community colleges has been the same since 1967. In Iowa it has been estimated that by 2012, we will have in excess of 150,000 more jobs

than workers to fill them. Stagnant population growth, retirements, and shortages of skilled workers are the key reason. Our skilled work force shortage is real. These skill shortages vary in different parts of the state. We must develop regional work force plans that adopt programs and training in the skills needed in a particular region. Most applicants today lack the basic and occupational skills to fill open positions. As a result, businesses are struggling to recruit skilled and technical workers. If we are to meet the ambitious goal set by the Governor to create 200,000 new jobs, this effort is crucial. I will be proposing legislation to set up a program, with dedicated long term funding, that will be administered by the College Student Aid Commission that is aimed at directly addressing this important job creation strategy. I know we will be looking at proposals from the Governor regarding K-12 reform and I don't think this initiative deters us from giving that proposal a full and fair hearing.

Fourth, we need to find common ground on the issue of commercial property tax relief. In the 2011 session, by a vote of 46-4, [SF 522](#) passed the Senate in which four out of five (83%) of all commercial property tax payers in the state of Iowa would receive a tax credit making the net taxation rate the SAME rate as residential property, which is about 55 percent of assessed value. This will be a 45 percent CUT in current commercial property tax rates. Because this is a state-funded tax credit, there would be no direct or indirect tax shift onto residential property taxpayers. The House amended that version and has sent it back to us. I am sure we will hear from Governor Branstad on this issue, and when we do we all need to sit down together and craft the appropriate solution which helps small business and does not penalize local government and school districts.

Lastly, I want to commend the bipartisan efforts that have occurred over the interim with legislative members, the Department of Human Services and all the stakeholders to present a proposal to change the Mental Health Delivery System. This is something long overdue and I am confident we can get it done.

While this may seem like an ambitious agenda, I am sure much of the work we did last year sets up a scenario whereby we can move forward and make this a very successful session. This will be the last session for many of us so let's make this second session of the 84th General Assembly one that historians will write about.

In closing, you all know I have said this is my last session. It has been a privilege to serve in this institution for the last 24 years and as President of the Senate for the last eight years. I have enjoyed my time here and wish all of you the very best in the future.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

Senator Gronstal addressed the Senate with the following remarks:

Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to welcome the members of the Senate and the Senate staff to the 2012 session of the Iowa Legislature.

My goal is a short, productive session. We should focus on doing all government can do to help Iowans create jobs and grow our economy.

Here are my top three priorities.

One, help Iowa businesses create jobs by cutting commercial property taxes.

Last year, Senate Democrats and Senate Republicans put aside partisan bickering when we voted to cut property taxes IN HALF for four out of five businesses.

It is the only proposal that does not simply shift more of the cost of local schools and local services onto the backs of homeowners and farmers. That's because the Senate's property tax is paid for.

Most importantly, the Senate's property tax cut focuses the help on the people who need it, Iowa's small and Main Street businesses. That's why it passed the Senate on an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 46 to 4.

Now's the time to help create jobs in Iowa by cutting commercial property taxes.

Governor Branstad and members of the Iowa House, the Democratic and Republican members of the Iowa Senate are ready to help you get it done.

Two, we should help create Iowa jobs by improving Iowa education.

The ultimate goal of education reform isn't higher test scores.

It is a more talented, more productive, more competitive workforce. It is the nurturing of more inventive, innovative Iowa entrepreneurs.

Democrats and Republicans agree that the ultimate goal of education reform is a stronger state economy. That's why Iowans have always invested in educational opportunity. Talented, skilled workers are the base upon which our economy is built.

That's why we must do more to recruit, develop and support great teachers. That's why we must expand access to math and science education. That's why we must make college more affordable.

The simple truth is that one of the BEST THINGS the Iowa Legislature can do to help create jobs is to increase student achievement.

I look forward to working with Governor Branstad, with the members of the Iowa House, and with Iowa's parents and educators to KEEP improving Iowa's schools.

Three, the Iowa Legislature can help create jobs by finishing work on the job creation legislation which is awaiting action in the Iowa House.

The House should join the Senate by also voting for proposals to:

- Help 60,000 Iowa businesses grow by providing a state tax credit to defray the cost of employee health insurance.
- Provide low interest loans to small businesses struggling to recover from the national recession.
- Help Iowans earn industry-approved job training certificates to prepare them for 21st century jobs.
- Jumpstart Iowa's clean energy industry through consumer rebates for home and business small solar or small wind projects.
- Make sure the benefits of rules and regulations outweigh the costs on employers and workers.

These are five good ideas that will help create Iowa jobs. Let's move quickly to send them to Governor Branstad for his signature.

I want to take a moment to recognize two Linn County legislators, Senator Wally Horn and Senator Liz Mathis. This is Senator Horn's 40th year of service as a member of the Legislature. And this is Senator Mathis' first day on the job.

Senator Horn was a high school teacher, coach and administrator before he became a member, and a leader of the Iowa Legislature. Senator Horn's experience and deep knowledge as a veteran legislator help him frequently provide wise counsel on a wide variety of issues.

Senator Mathis is an advocate for children and families, and a former local journalist. Thanks to her, and other Iowans who enter the stormy seas of public life, the Legislature is continually refreshed by new insights and new perspectives.

Please join me recognizing Senator Horn for his 40 years of service and in welcoming Senator Mathis to the Iowa Senate.

REMARKS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

Senator Behn addressed the Senate with the following remarks:

Thank you Mr. President.

Colleagues, friends, family and all Iowans:

Winston Churchill once famously said, "Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all the others."

As we meet again today to commence the people's business, we must summon the courage to put aside our differences to work in a spirit of true bi-partisanship.

Without courage we cannot face the enormous challenges that exist and bring about the measurable results that Iowans expect and deserve.

The challenges that face our beloved state require bold thinking, fresh ideas and an ability to listen carefully.

We must listen not only to what our colleagues have to say - but most especially to those 60,000 bosses that are back home in each of our districts, counting on us always do what is right for their families, neighborhoods, communities and schools.

Before we take any action here under the golden dome, they want us to ask, "How will this provide fewer hassles, more choices, more money, more time and fewer worries for our constituents back home?"

As we start this new session, we still have over 100,000 Iowans out of work. We still have some of the highest property taxes in the nation. We have an education system that is still revered but is quickly losing its global competitiveness. We have a government that can and should always become more efficient and more effective.

In the last year, we made some good first steps but it is just that—first steps.

After years of overspending, we tightened the belt and started to get our budget back under control. We began a serious discussion about the burdensome government rules and regulations that are hampering job growth and we put in place the Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress, which will be another tool that can be used to bring more economic development to our neighborhoods and communities.

However, we are just getting started.

The best is yet to come.

As Senate Republicans, we intend to have a laser-like focus on job creation and career development this session and we hope our colleagues across the aisle will join with us to allow a rigorous debate on these issues.

Now is not the time to obstruct debate or say "No" to good ideas, just because they came from the other side of the aisle.

Now is the time to focus on several big areas of concentration: a balanced budget that spends less than we take in without raising taxes, broad based property tax relief and government rule and regulation reform.

First and foremost, we must continue our work to have a balanced budget again, one that does not spend more than we take in and does not raise taxes. Just as hardworking Iowa taxpayers tighten their belts, so too should government. We must continue to wean ourselves off the practice of using one-time dollars for ongoing expenses and continue to provide transparency and accountability.

The days of overspending and the resultant devastating across the board cuts are over. We must fund the core services of government, invest in the priorities Iowans care about and eliminate waste. Our budgeting decisions should not just be about this year—we must think about the next decade and the next generation.

The reason I ran for the Senate is because of my four children and is now my four grandchildren. I want them to be able to grow up in Iowa—in safe communities with

good schools and as they get older—be able to find a good job and build a rewarding career right here if they so choose.

That is why we must give our job creators and entrepreneurs the tools necessary to succeed and make our state the most attractive and competitive not just in this country—but in the entire world.

Accomplishing that begins with broad based property tax relief. We cannot afford to have property tax rates that rival that of downtown New York City. A property tax system that simply shifts around the tax burden, picks winners and losers, relies on state revenue triggers and onerous handwritten applications will not work and is not acceptable.

Instead, Senate Republicans look forward to working closely with Governor Branstad, our colleagues in the House of Representatives and those Senate Democrats willing to be guided by something other than the party line in order to provide genuine and authentic property tax relief to hardworking Iowa taxpayers.

Along with property tax reform and responsible budgeting comes removing some of the barriers to growth by getting a handle on our increasingly burdensome government rules and regulations. Last session, Senate Republicans spearheaded an effort to go across the state to hear directly from Iowans about how government red tape is holding back their success.

We have put together a number of serious reforms that would make Iowa more competitive and give hardworking Iowans a greater seat at the table. We look forward to presenting these bold reforms and having a real and substantive debate on their merits.

However, this Senate will certainly be asked to work on other important endeavors as well.

We must have the courage to tackle challenges that exist in education, health care, clean energy, agriculture and with our natural resources. We must do better in providing oversight, protecting life, promoting freedom, liberty and opportunity. We should give Iowans a vote on the basic definition of marriage and we must never stop trying to make our government more open and transparent.

We must also challenge ourselves to guarantee ample public safety and ensure that we have roads, bridges and infrastructure that are safe, reliable and capable of supporting the Iowa economy of the future.

Yet with all the challenges we face, I love this state. We are a state that has unquantifiable potential and so many wonderful assets.

All of us should be proud of what we have to offer.

We have Interstate highways that run coast to coast and border to border, barge traffic with locks and dams and a double track railroad across our state.

We have the finest natural resources, the most productive soils and ample water supplies.

We have great manufacturing, agriculture, agribusiness, insurance and banking sectors.

We have incredible institutions of higher learning—the University of Iowa produces some of the world's best doctors and lawyers. Iowa State University provides some of the finest engineers and scientists and the University of Northern Iowa some of the best teachers and business leaders. We have great community colleges and private colleges that provide so much value, training and workforce development.

Yet, without question, the people of Iowa are truly this state's greatest asset—their independence, self-reliance, honesty, resilience, work ethic, volunteerism and concern and care for others should serve as an inspiration to us every day we are here on their behalf.

We have incredible, hardworking people in all 947 communities doing extraordinary things to renew the promise that exists in all 99 counties.

These Iowans just want to make a good living and raise their families and they deserve a government that respects, appreciates and encourages them.

I can say with confidence that this Senate Republican caucus is very representative of the people of this state and we are ready and eager to work hard to make Iowa an even greater place to build a rewarding career and raise a healthy family.

I may be new to this position but I am not new to the Senate.

However, I can say with the utmost assurance that in my 15 years here, this is the most talented caucus I have ever been a part of and we have had some great ones.

It is an honor and privilege to represent my central Iowa constituents and to be a part of such an entrepreneurial caucus of individuals—many of whom are current or former employers with the expertise, knowledge and experience needed make Iowa the envy of the world.

Mr. President, as I close this morning, I want to welcome and congratulate our newest colleague, Senator Liz Mathis. I wish to welcome all the clerks, pages, door keepers and all the other staff who work so hard every day to keep us on track.

I hope that as we work in these weeks and months ahead, all 50 of us will have the courage each day to do what is right for those we were elected to serve.

Thank you very much, may God bless our great state and may God bless America.

COMMITTEE FROM THE HOUSE

A committee from the House appeared and notified the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication the Senate might be ready to transmit.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Courtney, Chair; Dvorsky, and Anderson.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication that he might be ready to transmit.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Quirnbach, Chair; Schoenjahn, and Bertrand.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate recessed at 10:35 a.m. until the completion of a meeting of the committee on Rules and Administration.

RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 10:44 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent to take up the following report of the committee on Rules and Administration:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Rules and Administration begs leave to submit the names of the following individuals as permanent officers and employees of the Senate for the 2012 Session of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly:

Secretary of the Senate's Office

Administrative Services Assistant Megan Bendixen
Administrative Services Assistant Kathy Stachon

Democratic Leader's Office

Admin. Secretary to Leader Joanne Walton

Republican Caucus

Legislative Research Analyst Eric Johansen

Sergeant-at-Arms

Doorkeeper Katie DeLaughter
Doorkeeper Dale Schroeder

Secretaries to Senators

Committee Secretary Rachelle Bahl
Committee Secretary Molly Clause
Committee Secretary Demaree Donaghu
Committee Secretary Natasha Dutta
Committee Secretary Morgan Miller
Committee Secretary Megan Pederson
Committee Secretary Shirley Prall
Committee Secretary Ashley Zitzner

Secretary Tyler Ackerson
 Secretary Jared Adam
 Secretary Suzanne Behnke
 Secretary Jeremy Danilson
 Secretary Judy Gardner
 Secretary Chelsea Herrmann
 Secretary Mary Ira
 Secretary Taryn Randall
 Secretary Nathaniel Repay
 Secretary Laurel Rhame
 Secretary Jessica Rundlett
 Secretary Ryan Staley

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the report and appointment of the permanent officers and employees of the Senate.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the foregoing officers and employees appeared before the bar of the Senate and were duly sworn to their oaths of office.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Senator Quirnbach reported that the committee assigned to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business had performed its duty.

The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

APPOINTMENT OF PAGES

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent to take up the following report of the committee on Rules and Administration:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Rules and Administration begs leave to submit the names of the following individuals as Pages for the Senate for the 2012 Session of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly:

- Hailey Albert, Victor
- MacKenzie Bills, Altoona
- Taylor Broshar, Waterloo
- Thomas Day, Davenport
- Sean Duff, Clive
- Iry Eicher, Fort Madison
- Shannon Goes, Ankeny

Jordan Grube, Mason City
 Katie Jaeschke, Gowrie
 Nina Liu, Urbandale
 Rachel Mortimer, Carlisle
 Peggy Osmundson, Volga
 Adam Pitts, Cherokee
 Britney Samuelson, Newton

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the report and the appointment of the Senate Pages.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the foregoing Senate Pages appeared before the bar of the Senate and were duly sworn to their oaths of office.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

Senator Courtney reported that the committee assigned to notify the House that the Senate was organized and ready for business had performed its duty.

The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate adjourned at 10:58 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to [Senate Concurrent Resolution 2](#), the committee on Rules and Administration submits the following names of officers and employees of the Senate for the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2012 Session, and their respective classifications, grades, and steps:

		<u>CLASS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Admin. Services Assistant	Megan Bendixen	P-FT	20	1
Admin. Services Assistant	Kathy Stachon	S-O	20	3
Admin. Secretary to Leader	Joanne Walton	S-O	21	1
Legislative Research Analyst	Eric Johansen	P-FT	27	1

Doorkeeper	Katie DeLaughter	S-O	11	1
Doorkeeper	Dale Schroeder	S-O	11	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Rachelle Bahl	S-O	17	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Molly Clause	S-O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Demaree Donaghu	S-O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Natasha Dutta	S-O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Morgan Miller	S-O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Megan Pederson	S-O	17	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Shirley Prall	S-O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Ashley Zitzner	S-O	18	1
Legislative Secretary	Tyler Ackerson	S-O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Jared Adam	S-O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Suzanne Behnke	S-O	15	1
Legislative Secretary	Jeremy Danilson	S-O	15	1
Legislative Secretary	Judy Gardner	S-O	15	3
Legislative Secretary	Chelsea Herrmann	S-O	18	1
Legislative Secretary	Mary Ira	S-O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Taryn Randall	S-O	18	1
Legislative Secretary	Nathaniel Repay	S-O	17	1
Legislative Secretary	Laurel Rhame	S-O	17	1
Legislative Secretary	Jessica Rundlett	S-O	16	2
Legislative Secretary	Ryan Staley	S-O	16	1
Page	Hailey Albert	S-O	9	1
Page	MacKenzie Bills	S-O	9	1
Page	Taylor Broshar	S-O	9	1
Page	Thomas Day	S-O	9	1
Page	Sean Duff	S-O	9	1
Page	Iry Eicher	S-O	9	1
Page	Shannon Goes	S-O	9	1
Page	Jordan Grube	S-O	9	1
Page	Katie Jaeschke	S-O	9	1
Page	Nina Liu	S-O	9	1
Page	Rachel Mortimer	S-O	9	1
Page	Peggy Osmundson	S-O	9	1
Page	Adam Pitts	S-O	9	1
Page	Britney Samuelson	S-O	9	1

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to [Senate Concurrent Resolution 2](#), the committee on Rules and Administration submits the following increases, reclassifications, and effective dates of Senate employees:

Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. I	Debbie Kattenhorn	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 1/12
Sr. Research Analyst	Bridget Godes	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 1/12
Sr. Research Analyst	Julie Simon	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 1/12

Research Analyst III	Sue Foecke	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12
Research Analyst III	Cathy Engel	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12
Research Analyst II to Research Analyst III	Jace Mikels	Grade 32, Step 3 to Grade 35, Step 1 Effective 1/12
Research Analyst II to Research Analyst III	Erica Shorkey	Grade 32, Step 5 to Grade 35, Step 3 Effective 1/12
Admin. Assist. to Leader II	Don McDowell	Step 2 to Step 3 Effective 1/12
Admin. Assist. to Leader II	Nicole Woodroffe	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 6/12
Caucus Staff Director to Sr. Caucus Staff Director	John Hodges	Grade 38, Step 6 to Grade 41, Step 4 Effective 6/12
Sr. Research Analyst	Jim Friedrich	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 1/12
Sr. Research Analyst	Russell Trimble	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 9/12
Research Analyst III to Sr. Research Analyst	Tom Ashworth	Grade 35, Step 4 to Grade 38, Step 2 Effective 1/12
Research Analyst I to Research Analyst II	Kirsten Anderson	Grade 29, Step 4 to Grade 32, Step 2 Effective 1/12
Research Analyst I to Research Analyst II	Josh Bronsink	Grade 29, Step 4 to Grade 32, Step 2 Effective 6/12
Research Analyst to Research Analyst I	Gannon Hendrick	Grade 27, Step 2 to Grade 29, Step 1 Effective 6/12
Research Analyst	Eric Johansen	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Assist. Sec. of Senate II to Assist. Sec. of Senate III	Janet Hawkins	Grade 35, Step 2 to Grade 38, Step 1 Effective 1/12
Sr. Finance Officer III	Lois Brownell	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer III	Kathy Olah	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer to Admin. Services Officer I	Maureen Taylor	Grade 23, Step 5 to Grade 26, Step 3 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer to Admin. Services Officer I	Betty Shea	Grade 23, Step 4 to Grade 26, Step 2 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer to Admin. Services Officer I	Angie Cox	Grade 23, Step 4 to Grade 26, Step 2 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer	Jennifer Beminio	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12
Admin. Services Officer	Jesse Hughes	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12

Admin. Services Assistant	Megan Bendixen	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 6/12
Admin. Services Assistant	Kathy Stachon	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/12
Assist. Sgt.-At-Arms to Sgt.-At-Arms	Gerald Carlson	Grade 14, Step 4 to Grade 17, Step 4 Effective 1/12
Doorkeeper	James Douglas	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/11
Doorkeeper	Carl Langbehn	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 1/11
Doorkeeper	Frank Loeffel	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 1/12
Administrative Secretary to Leader	Isobel Osius	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/11
Legislative Secretary to Admin. Sec. to Leader	Marce Huhn	Grade 16, Step 5 to Grade 21, Step 5 Effective 1/12
Administrative Secretary to Leader	Joanne Walton	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 2/12
Switchboard Operator to Legis. Comm. Secretary	Nancy Ford	Grade 14, Step 1 to Grade 18, Step 1 Effective 1/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Anne Marie Burnett	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Angie DePaepe	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 2/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Andrew Fay	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Jodi Grover	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/11
Legislative Committee Secretary	Rebecca Hoepfner	Step 2 to Step 3 Effective 3/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Rebecca Hoepfner	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Alan Kessler	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Amanda Lynch	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	Shirley Prall	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 2/12
Legislative Committee Secretary	LuAnn Randleman	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 1/11
Legislative Committee Secretary	Christian Zenti	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12
Legislative Secretary	Mary Lou Aspengren	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 2/11
Legislative Secretary	Sharon Beem	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/11
Legislative Secretary	David Boettger	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 4/11
Legislative Secretary	Christopher Dorr	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Secretary	Judy Gardner	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/12

Legislative Secretary	Steve Hensler	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Secretary	Paula Houser	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 1/11
Legislative Secretary	Ryan Howard	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 4/12
Legislative Secretary	Ellen Larson	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/12
Legislative Secretary	Sarah Moore	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/12
Legislative Secretary	Ann Stock	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/11
Legislative Secretary	Katherine Tenner	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 1/12
Bill Clerk	Jay Mosher	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 1/12
Postmistress	Leila Carlson	Step 2 to Step 3 Effective 2/12
Switchboard Operator	JoAnn Larson	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 1/11
Switchboard Operator	Christine Porter	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/12

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE

MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to Section 2.10, Code 2011, the following has been determined to be the set or updated mileage to which Senators are entitled for the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2012 Session:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROUND TRIP MILES</u>
ERNST, Joni.....	248
MATHIS, Liz.....	268
SORENSEN, Kent.....	60
WHITVER, Jack.....	0

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE

Senator Seng, Chair
Senator Bertrand

Senator Smith
Senator Wilhelm

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communications were received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and placed on file in the Legislative Services Agency:

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Iowa Prescription Monitoring Program Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 124.554(2). Report received on December 30, 2011.

BOARD OF REGENTS

FY 2011 Cooperative Purchasing Plan, pursuant to Iowa Code section 262.9B. Report received on November 1, 2011.

2010–2011 Annual Report for College Bound and IMAGES Programs, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 261.101, 262.92, and 262.93. Report received on January 5, 2012.

FY 2011 Annual Report on Articulation Efforts, pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, [HF 815](#). Report received on January 9, 2012.

Report on Statewide Research and Development School Transition, pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, [SF 470](#), Section 56. Report received on January 9, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Interim Report on State Employee Retirement Incentive Program, pursuant to 2010 Iowa Acts, [SF 2062](#), section 1(5c). Report received on October 14, 2011.

2011 Annual Capitol Planning Commission Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8A.373. Report received on December 9, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DIVISION OF BANKING)

Qualified Student Loan Bond Issuer Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 7C.13(6). Report received on December 29, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (INSURANCE DIVISION)

2010 Report on Medical Malpractice, pursuant to Iowa Code section 505.27. Report received on December 2, 2011.

Annual Report on Costs for Health Insurance Plans, pursuant to Iowa Code section 505.18. Report received on December 7, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Electronic Monitoring Report, pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, [SF 510](#). Report received on December 6, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2011 Second Quarter Report on the Activities of the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, pursuant to Iowa Code section 15H.2(3h). Report received on August 17, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Disaster Waiver Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.9. Report received on November 9, 2011.

Report on Charter and Innovation Zone Schools in Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256F.10. Report received on December 1, 2011.

2011 Autism Council Recommendations, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.35A(4). Report received on December 14, 2011.

2011–2012 Iowa Early Intervention Block Grant Program Report, pursuant to 1999 Iowa Acts, [HF 743](#), Section 3. Report received on January 9, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Public Safety Advisory Board Report to the General Assembly, pursuant to Iowa Code section 216A.133A. Report received on December 14, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Iowa Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Commission Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 249A.24(3). Report received on October 31, 2011.

Final Report of Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services System Redesign, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [SF 525](#), Division I. Report received on December 9, 2011.

Medicaid Uniform Cost Report, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#). Report received on December 12, 2011.

Analysis of All Payer Claims Database for the State of Iowa, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#), Section 108. Report received on December 15, 2011.

Funding Report on Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Home and Community Based Services, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#). Report received on December 15, 2011.

Juvenile Detention Home Fund Report, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#), Section 17. Report received on December 15, 2011.

Recommendation for Pharmacy Reimbursement Methodology Change, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#), Division V, Section 10(4). Report received on December 15, 2011.

Report on Electronic Records, Documentation, and Billing, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 649](#), Division V, Section 37(11). Report received on December 15, 2011.

Summary of Charge from [House File 562](#), pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 562](#), Section 7. Report received on December 15, 2011.

Summary of Charge from [House File 608](#), pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [SF 482](#), Division VIII, Section 12. Report received on December 15, 2011.

Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children Transition Plan, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [SF 525](#), Division III. Report received on December 28, 2011.

Independent Living Services Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 234.35(4). Report received on December 29, 2011.

Home and Vehicle Modification Funding Recommendations, pursuant to 2010 Iowa Acts, [SF 2267](#). Report received on December 29, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS

Report on Expansion of Divestiture Program Staffing, pursuant to 2010 Iowa Acts, [SF 2367](#). Report received on January 6, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2010 Annual Report of the Administrator of the Iowa Consumer Credit Code, pursuant to Iowa Code section 537.6104(5). Report received on August 8, 2011.

Letters of Authorization, pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.36. Report received on December 28, 2011.

First Report on Iowa's Indigent Defense System, pursuant to Iowa Code section 13B.2A. Report received on December 30, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

2010 Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report, pursuant to the 1996 Reauthorized Safe Drinking Water Act. Report received on July 11, 2011.

Annual Update of Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Registry, pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.427. Report received on December 23, 2011.

FY 2011 Hazardous Waste Remedial Fund Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.425. Report received on December 23, 2011.

Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 457B.1, Article III.I(1). Report received on December 23, 2011.

Household Hazardous Materials Program and Household Hazardous Waste Account Annual Reports, pursuant to Iowa Code 455E.11(2c) and 455F.8. Reports received on December 29, 2011.

Iowa Natural Resource Commission Annual Report. Report received on January 5, 2012.

Report on Mercury Thermostat Recycling, pursuant to Iowa Code section 455D.16(7c). Report received on January 5, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

FY 2011 Budget Report for the Plumbers, Mechanical Professionals, and Contractor Licensing Board, pursuant to 2011 Iowa Acts, [HF 392](#). Report received on August 31, 2011.

Report on the Iowa Patient Autonomy in Health Care Decisions Project, pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, [HF 2539](#). Report received on December 23, 2011.

Health and Long-Term Access Strategic Plan, pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1188. Report received on January 3, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FY 2011 Use of Reversions Report, pursuant to Iowa Codes section 307.46(2). Report received on September 1, 2011.

FY 2011 Annual Report of the Iowa Highway Research Board, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 310.36 and 312.3A. Report received on December 29, 2011.

Road Use Tax Fund Study, pursuant to Iowa Code section 307.31. Report received on December 30, 2011.

Report on Small Businesses and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, pursuant to 2010 Iowa Acts, [HF 2460](#). Report received on January 4, 2012.

IOWA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION

Report on Redaction of Information from Real Estate Records, pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, [SF 465](#), Section 13. Report received on December 22, 2011.

IOWA PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COUNCIL

Iowa Propane Research Council Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 101C.3(10). Report received on August 16, 2011.

IOWA SCHOOLS JOINT INVESTMENT TRUST

2011 Annual Financial Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 12B.10A(7). Report received on October 11, 2011.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

2011 Annual Report on Small Wind Innovation Zones, pursuant to 2009 Iowa Acts, [HF 810](#), Section 1(6). Report received on December 28, 2011.

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

2012 Iowa Drug Control Strategy, pursuant to Iowa Code section 80E.1. Report received on October 31, 2011.

STATE APPEAL BOARD

Report of General Tort Claims, Highway Tort Claims, and Settlements and Judgments, pursuant to Iowa Code section 669.12. Report received on January 9, 2012.

TREASURER OF STATE

FY 2011 Restrictions on Sudan-Related Investments Reports for the State Operating Fund; Iowa Judicial Retirement System; and the Iowa Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System, pursuant to Iowa Code 12F.5. Report received on September 29, 2011.

AGENCY ICN REPORTS

Iowa Communications Network (ICN) usage reports for FY 2011, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8D.10, were received from the following agencies:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE—Report received on December 13, 2011.

BOARD OF PAROLE—Report received on December 1, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP—Report received on August 24, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Report received on October 31, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS—Report received on December 27, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS—Report received on January 3, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—Report received on December 30, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE—Report received on August 17, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—Report received on January 6, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—Report received on August 16, 2011.

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION—Report received on September 2, 2011.

IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY—Report received on September 9, 2011.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION—Report received on November 29, 2011.

SECRETARY OF STATE—Report received on September 9, 2011.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

The Secretary of the Senate issued the following certificate of recognition:

Don Diehl, Coralville—For 50 years of service as city attorney for the City of Coralville. Senator Dvorsky (1/9/2012).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EDUCATION

Convened: Monday, January 9, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Quirnbach, Chair; Schoenjahn, Vice Chair; Hamerlinck, Ranking Member; Beall, Boettger, Bowman, Dvorsky, Hogg, Johnson, Smith, Soddors, and Wilhelm.

Members Absent: Feenstra (excused).

Committee Business: Welcome remarks.

Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

LABOR AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

Convened: Monday, January 9, 2012, 2:10 p.m.

Members Present: Horn, Chair; Jochum, Vice Chair; Ward, Ranking Member; Anderson, Bertrand, Chelgren, Courtney, Dearden, Dotzler, Fraise, and Hatch.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Organizational meeting.

Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Convened: Monday, January 9, 2012, 2:35 p.m.

Members Present: Wilhelm, Chair; Beall, Vice Chair; Bartz, Ranking Member; Bacon, Hamerlinck, Quirnbach, and Schoenjahn.

Members Absent: Bowman, Courtney, Ernst, and Rielly (all excused).

Committee Business: Welcome and introductions.

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Convened: Monday, January 9, 2012, 10:40 a.m.

Members Present: Gronstal, Chair; Kibbie, Vice Chair; Behn, Ranking Member; Bartz, Courtney, Danielson, Dearden, Dvorsky, McKinley, Ragan, and Zaun.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Organizational meeting.

Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

[Senate Joint Resolution 2001](#), by Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee, a joint resolution nullifying an administrative rule of the natural resource commission prohibiting the use of lead shot for hunting mourning doves and providing an effective date.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Environment**.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 2001](#), by Kibbie, a bill for an act relating to the return of refund values to consumers for empty beverage containers.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Natural Resources and Environment**.

[Senate File 2002](#), by Hancock, a bill for an act relating to an appropriation to the department of natural resources for dam restoration and reconstruction.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Appropriations**.

[Senate File 2003](#), by Schoenjahn, a bill for an act providing for the use of flashing white lights on motor vehicles owned by certain on-call health care professionals, and making a penalty applicable.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[Senate File 2004](#), by McCoy, a bill for an act relating to parentage information included on a birth certificate.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[Senate File 2005](#), by Bartz, a bill for an act relating to the duties, authority, and operations of governmental entities and certain governmental enforcement actions.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[Senate File 2006](#), by Johnson, a bill for an act relating to driver's license requirements for persons operating farm tractors.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[Senate File 2007](#), by Schoenjahn, a bill for an act making an appropriation to the college student aid commission for purposes of the national guard educational assistance program and including effective date provisions.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Appropriations**.

[Senate File 2008](#), by Horn, a bill for an act relating to inapplicability of the electrician licensure requirements to certain manufactured and mobile homeowners.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **State Government**.

RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

September 16, 2011

The Honorable Terry E. Branstad
Governor of the State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Branstad,

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve Senate District 18. However, in order to accept your appointment to serve on the Iowa Utilities Board, I must resign from the Senate.

Please accept this as my written noticed of resignation pursuant to Iowa Code section 69.4. With this letter, I am resigning from the Iowa Senate, effective immediately.

Sincerely,
Swati A. Dandekar

Cc: Michael E. Marshall, Secretary of the Senate
The Honorable John P. Kibbie, President of the Senate
The Honorable Michael E. Gronstal, Iowa Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Paul McKinley, Iowa Senate Minority Leader

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Liz Mathis, of Linn County, was sworn in on November 21, 2011, in Marion, Iowa, by Iowa Senate President Jack Kibbie.

MR. PRESIDENT: We, your committee on credentials, respectively report that we find the person named in the attached copy of the certification of the Secretary of State duly elected to and entitled to a seat in the Senate for the remainder of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly.

GENE FRAISE, Chair
THOMAS G. COURTNEY
BRIAN SCHOENJAHN
JERRY BEHN
JAMES F. HAHN

STATE OF IOWA
Office of the
Secretary of State
CERTIFICATION

To the Honorable Michael E. Marshall, Secretary of the Senate:

I, MATT SCHULTZ, Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, custodian of the files and records pertaining to the elections in the state,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the State Canvassing Board has declared that at a special election held on November 8, 2011, Liz Mathis was elected to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator of the Eighteenth District, for the balance of the term that began on the second day of January 2009.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Secretary of State at the Statehouse, in Des Moines, this twenty-first day of November 2011.

MATT SCHULTZ
Secretary of State

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the original copy of this document on this twenty-first day of November, 2011.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate